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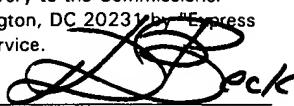


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Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

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Title: TRYPTOPHAN SYNTHASE AS A SITE OF HERBICIDE ACTION

including the items indicated:

1. Specification and 39 claims: 11 indep.; 18 dep.; _ multiple dep.
2. Declaration and power of attorney
3. Formal drawings, _ sheet (Fig.)
 Informal drawings, 12 sheets (Figs. 1, 2, 3A-3E and 4-8)
4. Assignment for recording to:
5. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

6. Check in the amount of \$.00, (\$ filing; \$ recording)
(See attached Fee Computation Sheet)
7. Preliminary Amendment.
8. Please amend the description by inserting the following paragraph after the line containing the title on page 1: "This patent application claims the priority of U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/119,208, which is incorporated herein by reference."

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

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The priority documents are enclosed
 will follow.

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